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CITY SEES SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN PCARD PROGRAM

The City of Tucson recently received a rebate of more than \$849,000 for its participation in the JP Morgan purchasing card (PCard) program. The PCard program allows the City to purchase items through a credit card instead of the traditional purchasing and payment process. The City receives a percentage of total spending as a rebate at the end of the year. The rebate contributes to the City's General Fund, which is used for public safety, parks, and other services.

The City has greatly expanded its use of the PCard since its 2005 implementation and extended the use of the PCard contract to other public agencies. The 2015 PCard rebate represents an increase of more than \$500,000 over the rebate the City received in 2011. In the past four years, the City has more than doubled the amount of money spent on goods and services through the PCard program, from \$28 million to \$60.7 million in 2015.

"I am proud to say that my Chief of Staff Mark Kerr and I have led the charge to get all City departments and their partners to utilize this program," said Ward 5 Council Member Richard Fimbres. "The PCard program allows the City of Tucson to spend its limited dollars more efficiently. I want to thank Procurement Director Marcheta Gillespie and PCard Coordinator Marie Sena for their work on the program, as well as City staff working to further implement the PCard program and saving taxpayer dollars."

The implementation of the PCard program and other payment efficiencies has reduced the need for the City to write checks by 76 percent.

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